GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CGHS BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of beneficiaries under Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, Unani and Sidh Systems of medicine in thecountry and the number of CGHS dispensaries of these systems;

(b) whether the Government have surveyed the domestic market of medicines under the said system;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether medicinal plants linked to these system are exported; and

(e) if so, the names of countries from which these are exported?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): There are 47,96,843 beneficiaries under Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, Unani & Siddha Systems of medicine underCGHS in the country. The total number of CGHS dispensaries/units under these systems in the country are:-

1. Ayurvedic - 31

2. Homeopathic - 34

3. Unani - 9

4. Siddha - 2

(b)&(c):No, Sir. However, a survey on demand of selected medicinal plants has been conducted through Centre for Research, Planning and Action(CERPA), New Delhi.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. Different medicinal plants linked to these systems are exported to many countries in the world depending upon their demand. Some of the major countries to which the exports are made are U.S.A., U.K., Germany, France, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Japan, Korea, etc. The detailed information on export of medicinal plants to various countries is published by the Directorate General of CommercialIntelligences and Statistics, Kolkata, Ministry of Commerce, in their monthly publication `Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India`.